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CG BERLIN COMMAND'S D-26, FEBRUARY 14, FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION.

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1. Train commander's formal reports night 13/14 February for all 4 trains are negative with respect to new harassments.

2. Transportation officer's interrogation of train commanders Hunt and Jampus developed the following:

A. All transactions at Marienborn were conducted in a spirit of friendly cooperation.

B. Only a cursory examination was made of passenger movement orders.

C. Passengers identity documents were not examined or asked for.

D. No interest was shown in train crews, nor were train crew movement orders and identity documents asked for or shown.

E. All checking was performed at small table along side of train as agreed to during political advisors meeting.

F. No interest was expressed in other train or car documentation.

G. No interest was expressed in LWR employee on train crew duty as interpreter.

H. Standing procedure of producing passenger documents for 1 car at a time was followed without question, although train commanders have

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commanders have instructions to turn over all appropriate documents at one time if so desired by Soviets.

3. First train arrived at Marienborn 2200 with 40 passengers, Lt. Hunt commanding; Soviet officer asked train commander's permission to affix rubber stamp to movement orders, simultaneously showing him the stamp. Soviet also asked if there were any objection to having a Soviet enlisted man handle the orders to assist in affixing the stamp. When assumed there were no objections, Soviet officer made cursory examination of each movement order, handed one at a time to his assistant who affixed the date. Elapsed time for clearance was 15 minutes. Train departed on schedule, 2227.

4. Formality of asking permission was not pursued for second, third, and fourth trains, which carried, 5, 11, and 46 passengers respectively. Under the procedure followed by Soviet, night 13/14 February, clearance of approximately 100 documents could be accomplished during the 30 minute scheduled stop.

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